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	STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER		
	QUOTE I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO CALL ON HIS MAJESTY KING AND FAISAL, ALSO TO REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES GREAT IM- PORTANCE TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THESE TALKS....AND WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS. WE ATTACH <u>VERY</u> GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VIEWS OF HIS MAJESTY, OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA, AND I EXPECT TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIM. IN ADDITION WE PLAN TO DISCUSS IN SOME DETAIL THE		
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COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES  
THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING IN THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL  
FIELDS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS  
CHARACTERISTICLY WARM RECEPTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE  
STATEMENT BY HE OMAR SAQQAF

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO FIRST OF ALL THANK HIS EXCELLENCY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, FOR THE NICE WORDS HE HAS  
JUST UTTERED AND ALSO IT GIVES ME PLEASURE AND IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO  
WELCOME HIM ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO THIS COUNTRY.  
WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN CONSISTENTLY SHOWN BY PRESIDENT  
NIXON AND HIS INTEREST IN SEEING A SOLUTION TO THE NEAR EASTERN  
PROBLEM. WE ALSO APPRECIATE GREATLY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS  
SEEN FIT TO SEND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE, OUR FRIEND, HENRY, DR.  
HENRY KISSINGER, NEEDLESS TO SAY, TO COME HERE AND CONVEY TO US THE  
VIEWS AND EXCHANGE IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF  
THIS PROBLEM.

AT THE RISK OF REPEATING MYSELF, IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SAY IT  
AGAIN, ANYWAY, THAT FROM THE FIRST MOMENT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF  
MEETING DR. KISSINGER, I SENSED IN HIM INTEGRITY, STRAIGHTFOR-  
WARDNESS, AND TRUTHFULNESS TO HIS WORD. FROM THE FIRST ~~TIME~~ I WAS CONVINCED  
~~SENSED AND SET THE CONVICTION~~ THAT HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND HE IS  
STRIVING VERY HARD TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM IN COOPERA-  
TION WITH ALL CONCERNED. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE AND KNOW, FOR A FACT,  
WHAT AN ARDUOUS TASK IT MUST BE, THIS GOING AND COMING, THIS SHUTTLE  
DIPLOMACY, SO TO SPEAK, AND IN FACT WE ARE DOUBLY SURPRISED, PARTICULARLY

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IN THE CASE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, SECRETARY OF STATE, BECAUSE A MAN WHO CONDUCTS THIS KIND OF DIPLOMACY, STAYING AWAY SO OFTEN BEFORE THE END OF HIS HONEYMOON, IS REALLY ASTOUNDING. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, HEADED BY HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL, AND IN THE NAME OF ITS PEOPLE, REFLECTING THE WISHES AND THE DESIRES OF ITS PEOPLE, CHERISH NOTHING BUT AMITY AND FRIENDLINESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT IS WHY NOT ONLY ARE WE DESIROUS OF, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE WORKING HARD TOWARDS THE CEMENTING AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

OF COURSE WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN, AND WE ARE STRIVING HARD TOWARDS ITS HAPPENING. BUT WE ARE NOT FOOLING OURSELVES ~~AS~~ TO THINK THAT IT WILL HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL ONLY HAPPEN ~~THOSE~~ AFTER WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND OVER ~~THESE~~ ELEMENTS WHO DO NOT WISH A SOLUTION. ~~TO HAPPEN~~. IN SPITE OF ALL THIS WE ARE REALLY WORKING HARD ON TWO FRONTS. ONCE AGAIN I WELCOME OUR VERY DEAR FRIEND, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR, ~~ABOUT~~ <sup>ALBEIT</sup> IT IN AN ASIDE, ~~THAT~~ ~~HE HAS ACHIEVED~~, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME KIND OF PROGRESS. IN THANKING AGAIN OUR GUEST, DR. KISSINGER, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT HIS NEXT VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY WILL BE FOR PURE PLEASURE, TO COME AND BE OUR GUEST, AND RELAX. THAT WILL HAPPEN WE HOPE, AND WE TRUST IN GOD, WHEN PEACE AND JUSTICE WILL HAVE REIGNED, WHEN HE WILL HAVE HAD HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OTHERS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. WE SAY THIS IN ALL SINCERITY, REFLECTING THE FEELINGS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, WHO HAVE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, ALWAYS HAD EXTREMELY WARM FEELINGS TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

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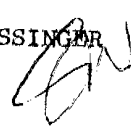
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OF AMERICA , WHO HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE VALUES FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STOOD-- NAMELY, FREEDOM AND DECENT VALUES, DECENCY. IF I MAY ADD A FINAL REMARK, IT IS, THAT AS YOU ALL KNOW, OR PERHAPS SHOULD KNOW, THE MOSLEM PEOPLE HOLD ON TENACIOUSLY TO THEIR RELIGIOUS VALUES. THEY WOULD NOT BE SWAYED ONE IOTA, ONE HAIR'S BREDTH, FROM THE RIGHTEOUS PATH, FROM THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND THE MESSAGE THAT THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD CONVEYED FROM GOD TO THE PEOPLE OF ISLAM. I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD, WOULD KNOW THIS. SOME OF THEM DO, I WISH THEM ALL WOULD KNOW THIS BECAUSE THIS WOULD MAKE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND BETTER RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE ALL, AFTER ALL, STRIVING FOR THE SAME THING, TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL, NAMELY THAT OF PEACE, OF JUSTICE, THE BETTERMENT OF THE HUMAN BEING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. AND THANK YOU.

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